tioned and some balance eligible persons remain to be covered. Additionally the Government has now decided to recognize a further 18 Border Camps for coverage under the scheme. To cover all the eligible, persons in the additional 18 Border Camps as well as the remaining eligible people in the earlier 98 Border Camps, it is now estimated that the limit for sanctions needs to be enhanced to 15,000. The additional annual financial implication of the enhanced limit is estimated to be about Rs. 24 crores.

Nexus between officers of Indian Navy and Contractors

*33. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that senior officers of Indian Navy have been found involved in pocketing money from contractors who supply shoes, uniforms, suitcases etc.;

(b) if so, what is the number of officers found involved in those cases during the last three years and what action has been taken against them; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that suppliers who bribed the officers, referred to above are still doing business with the Armed Forces and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)Atotal of six officers were found to be involved. Of these, five officers have been tried by Courts Martial and punished. Case of one officer is under investigation.

(c) Cases of all categories of suppliers involved in giving bribes are under consideration for suitable action including black-listing, if necessary.

Impact of import of Cheap Soda Ash

*34. DR.A.K. PATEL:

PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that import of cheap soda ash from

American Natural Soda Ash Corporation is hurting the domestic soda ash industry; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (b) The import of Soda Ash into India is permissible on OGL. Customs Duty on Soda Ash is 20%, and has been reduced to 15% in the budget for 2005-06. the Table below shows the availability of Soda Ash in India. While domestic production of Soda Ash has gone up, there has been no upsurge in import of Soda Ash, and so there is no evidence to show that imports are injurious to the domestic industry.

(Unit in thousand MT)

S.No.	Year	Indigenous Production	Import
1.	2001-2002	1830	164
2.	2002-2003	2057	106
3.	2003-2004	2167	128

Resettlement of Chakma Refugees

*35. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any demand from the Government of Arunachal Pradesh for resettlement of Chakma and Hajong refugees of the State; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Government of Arunachal Pradesh has been requesting that Chakmas and Hajongs of Arunachal Pradesh may be resettled in other parts of the country. These refugees were settled between 1964 to 1969 in the then North Eastern Frontier Agency (NEFA) following their migration from the then East Pakistan as a result of large scale communal violence in the country. All Arunachal Pradesh Students